--<u>SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION</u>--;

Page 2, line 5, delete "One" and substitute --An--;

Page 2, at line 24, delete "Presentation of the Figures" insert the following

heading at the left hand margin:

--<u>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS</u>--;

Page 7, line 9, before "filter", insert --complex--;

Page 21, after line 14, insert the following new paragraph:

--While this invention has been described in conjunction with specific

embodiments thereof, it is evident that many alternatives, modifications and

variations will be apparent to those skilled in the art. Accordingly, the preferred

embodiments of the invention as set forth herein, are intended to be illustrative, not

limiting. Various changes may be made without departing from the true spirit and full

scope of the invention as set forth herein and defined in the claims.--

<u>IN THE CLAIMS:</u>

Please amend claims 1 - 12 as follows:

1   --13.   A method for processing a complex request addressed to at least one

2   SNMP agent (5) of a resource machine (2b) of a computer system (1) from a

3   complex protocol manager (4) of an application machine (2a), wherein the complex

4   request addressed to the agent (5) from the manager (4) comprises SNMP attributes

5   managed by the agent (5) and capable of being represented by a filter (F1, F2)

6   constituted by any number of conditions on any number of attributes, linked to one

7   another by any number of Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT, EX.OR, etc.) and the

8   application (2a) and resource (2b) machines communicate through a network (3),

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